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Applicant: Akira NODA et al. Conf.: 1034
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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October 29, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated July 30, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice of the subject matter contained therein.